

**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT
HYDERABAD**

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.4322 of 2026

DATE: 17.04.2026

Between:

Jhansi Iyappan and others

.... Petitioners/accused Nos.1, 3 and 4

AND

The State of Telangana,
Through SHO, Police Station Palwancha Town,
Rep. by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court at Hyderabad.

.... Respondent

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed seeking the Court to enlarge the petitioners on bail, who are arrayed as accused Nos.1, 3 and 4 in Crime No.30 of 2026 of Palwancha Town Police Station, Bhadradi Kothagudem, registered for the

offences punishable under Sections 8(C) r/w 20(b)(ii)(C), 27(A) of the NDPS Act, 1985.

2. The brief facts of the case are that on 22.01.2026, the police, on reliable information, had conducted raid and found the accused Nos.1, 3 and 4 in possession of illicit contraband of 42.35 kgs of dry Ganja and he immediately reported the same to the police and the police seized the contraband and a case was registered against them for the above said offences.

3. Heard Sri B. Muralidhar, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners as well as Sri M. Ramachandra Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for respondent - State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent of the said allegations and they are in jail since 22.01.2026 and the seized contraband is 42.35 kgs of dry Ganja, which is actually not seized from the petitioners herein and it is an intermediate quantity and the material part of the investigation was already completed. It is further submitted that petitioner No.2/accused No.3 is suffering with acute ischaemic stroke and she requires treatment. Therefore, he prayed the Court to grant bail to petitioner

No.2/accused No.3 by allowing this criminal petition on medical grounds.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioners stating that the petitioners herein are accused Nos.1, 3 and 4 and the seized contraband is 42.35 kgs of dry Ganja. It is further submitted that, in view of the rigorous NDPS Act, the petitioners herein are not entitled for the bail. However, he received instructions from the jail authority and submitted medical certificate of petitioner No.2/accused No.3, wherein it is stated that she is suffering with acute schaeamic stroke and she has been referred to the Osmania Hospital. Therefore, he prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petition.

6. In the light of the submissions made by both the learned counsel and upon perusal of the material available on record, it appears that the petitioners herein are in jail from 22.01.2026 and the seized contraband is 42.35 kgs of dry Ganja, which is the commercial quantity, therefore, in view of the rigorous NDPS Act, the petitioners herein are not entitled for the bail. Considering the facts and circumstances of the

case, the nature of the allegations, the stage of investigation, the duration of incarceration and the seized contraband and also considering that petitioner No.2/accused No.3 is suffering with acute ischaemic stroke, this Court finds it appropriate to grant bail to the petitioner No.2/accused No.3 on medical grounds subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioner No.2/accused No.3 shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only), with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned III Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class, at Kothagudem.
- ii. The petitioner No.2/accused No.3 shall appear before the concerned SHO at 11:00 a.m., on every Monday for a period of eight (8) weeks or till filing of charge sheet whichever is earlier, for the purpose of investigation, and thereafter, as and when required.

- iii. The petitioner No.2/accused No.3 shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C. (presently, Section 480(3) of the BNSS).

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is partly allowed in respect of petitioner No.2/accused No.3 and this Criminal petition is dismissed against petitioners/accused Nos.1 and 3.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

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